# Chapter 40 Cooperation

## **International Agreements (Refer to NMG 40)**

**Miscellaneous Information and Definitions:** 

# Mountain Area

Most agreements and Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) terminate after five years unless otherwise specified within the document. In most cases, a one year extension may be granted. The agreement start date is the last dated signature.

Interagency Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding for the Rocky

# **Agreements:**

An Agreement is required if there will be an exchange of funds.

- Fire protection areas need separate agreements (i.e., IA agreements by State)
- Dispatch Centers do not need to do local agreements because they are covered under the Master State agreements. All that is needed are Annual Operating Plans.

# **Memorandums of Understanding (MOU):**

An MOU is the same as a verbal agreement (parties agree to agree; an understanding). Funds cannot be exchanged or transferred with an MOU. To eliminate the need for multiple local and area Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding within and adjacent to Rocky Mountain Area Boundaries, verbiage has been incorporated within Chapter 10 - Policy, of the RMA Mobilization Guide. This language, in concert with existing parent agreements, allows adjacent dispatch centers within and adjoining the RMA to work directly with one another to support initial attack suppression efforts, without having to develop additional agreements.

This chapter contains a brief description of the primary Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding within and adjacent to Rocky Mountain Area Boundaries. Complete copies of all agreements are on file at the Rocky Mountain Area Interagency Coordination Center unless otherwise noted. These agreements affect National, Area, and Local mobilization efforts. National Agreements can be found in Chapter 40 of the National Mobilization Guide.

# Colorado Statewide Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act

## **Response Agreement**

- 3 The Colorado Statewide Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act
- 4 Response Agreement is an agreement among USDI, Bureau of Land Management -
- 5 Colorado; USDA, Forest Service, Region 2; USDI, National Park Service,
- 6 Intermountain Region; USDI, Fish and Wildlife Service, Mountain Prairie Region;
- 7 USDI, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southwest Region; Colorado Division of Fire
- 8 Prevention and Control; and Colorado State Forest Service.
- 9 (Signed 6/1/2011; Expires 6/1/2016)

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The Parent Agreement establishes statewide authority for interagency fire protection assistance and cooperation between the above mentioned agencies, for mutual cooperation in fire training, prescribed fire, prevention, pre-suppression, and suppression activities.

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#### **South Dakota Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement**

- The South Dakota Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement is among USDI, Bureau of Land Management, Montana/Dakotas; USDI, Bureau of Indian
- Affairs, Great Plains and Rocky Mountain Regions; USDI, National Park Service,
- Midwest Region; USDI, Fish and Wildlife Service, Mountain Prairie Region; USDA,
- Forest Service, Regions 1 and 2; and the South Dakota Department of Agriculture,
- 22 Division of Wildland Fire Suppression.
- 23 (Extension Signed; Expires 2/22/2014)

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#### **Wyoming Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement**

- The Wyoming Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement is among USDI,
- Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming; USDI, National Park Service, Intermountain
- Region; USDI, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rocky Mountain Region; USDA, Forest
- Service, Region 2; USDI, Fish and Wildlife Service, Mountain Prairie Region; and
- 35 Wyoming State Forestry Division.
- 36 (Signed 3/29/2012; Expires 3/29/2017)

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## Kansas Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement

- 2 The Kansas Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement is among USDA
- Forest Service, Region 2; USDI, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern Plains Region;
- 4 USDI, National Park Service, Midwest Region; USDI, Fish and Wildlife Service,
- 5 Mountain Prairie Region; USDI, Bureau of Reclamation, Great Plains Region; Kansas
- 6 Forest Service; Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks; and the Kansas Division of
- 7 Emergency Management.
- 8 (Signed 5/3/2012; Expires 5/5/2017)

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## Nebraska Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement

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- National Park Service, Midwest Region; USDI, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Plains
- 18 Region; USDI, Bureau of Reclamation, Great Plains Region; USDI, Fish and Wildlife
- 19 Service, Mountain Prairie Region; USDA, Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region; and
- Nebraska Emergency Management Agency; Nebraska Forest Service; Nebraska Game
- and Parks Commission; Nebraska Military Department; and the Nebraska State Fire
- 22 Marshal.
  - (Expired; Revised agreement out for signature)

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#### **Border Agreements with Neighboring Geographic Areas**

Local Centers adjacent to one another may engage in resource ordering across GACC boundaries. The intent of this paragraph is to encourage timely response to initial attack. The sending GACC must be notified by the local center before any National type resources are sent across GACC boundaries. Depending on National PL levels and/or NMAC priorities, the NICC may also require approval. Resources sent across GACC boundaries cannot be reassigned without prior approval from the sending GACC/local unit. See RMG 10 for additional information.

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